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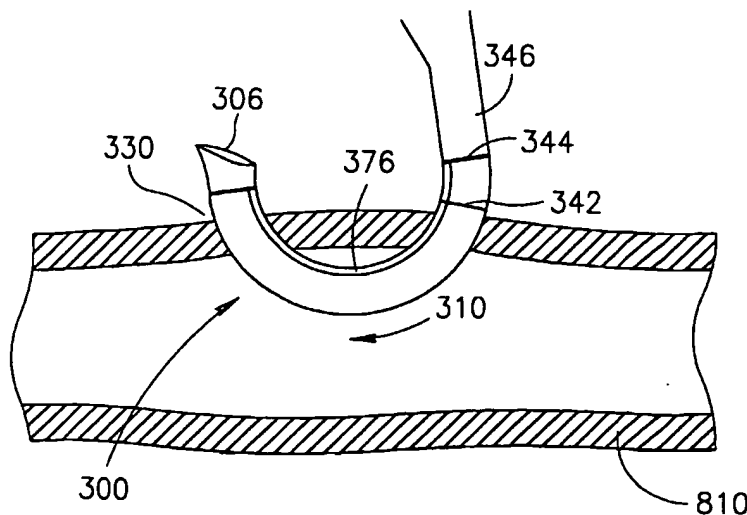
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(57) **Abstract:** A cutter (300) adapted for making an aperture in a blood vessel (810) suitable for receiving an anastomotic connector, the cutter comprising a handle a curved element extending from the handle, a sharp tip (306) at the end of the element, the tip (306) adapted for making at least one entry cut in a blood vessel (810) and at least one exit cut in the same blood vessel a distance from the entry cut while a portion of the curved element is substantially within the vessel lumen and a sharp edge (376) along a portion of the convex aspect of the portion, the edge adapted to cut the vessel as the handle is pulled radially away from the lumen.

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